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FOIA Case: 85525A  
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Dear Mr. Waltman:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which was received by this office on 23 September 2016, for "Any documents concerning talking points generated from the film Snowden." As previously provided, your request has been assigned Case Number 85525. There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore we did not address your fee category.

Your request has been processed under the provisions of the FOIA. Enclosed is the material you requested. If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me at [foialo@nsa.gov](mailto:foialo@nsa.gov) or you may call (301)688-6527.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

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Sincerely,

*Michael Shields*  
for

JOHN R. CHAPMAN  
Chief  
FOIA/PA Office

Encl:  
a/s

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**Talking Points for the Workforce:**

1. This film is a drama, not a documentary. The film director has stated this publicly, and he has noted that he created certain segments (for example, the scene with the Rubik's cube) for dramatic effect. We cannot comment on any specifics in the movie, but would caution people not to believe everything they see.
2. Regardless of his stated motivations, the film's subject violated his lifetime obligation to protect classified information and he betrayed the trust of his coworkers and the American people. Despite his claims to have made attempts to express his concerns through legitimate channels, the Agency has no records of any e-mail from him to Agency officials raising concerns about NSA programs.
3. NSA performs its missions in compliance with the laws, policies and regulations that govern our activities.
4. We have been, and remain, committed to protecting the privacy rights of the American people while executing those missions assigned to us by our national leadership. Our activities have been authorized by Congress and upheld by the courts. We are subject to, and welcome, rigorous oversight by all three branches of government.
5. The men and women of NSA are U.S. citizens who share the same values of individual freedom and civil liberties as anyone else in the country. Every NSA employee takes a solemn oath to defend those rights and to uphold the Constitution. We take great pride in the work we do – to defend the nation from those who would do it harm. To suggest otherwise is a disservice to everyone who proudly serves at NSA.
6. We cannot comment further on the film's subject, as he remains the subject of an active investigation. We will do nothing that would jeopardize this, or interfere with the course of justice in this situation.

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